

# County of Simcoe

AMES Conference  
Horseshoe Resort

May 14-17, 2006



Walk a Mile in My Shoes



THE ASSOCIATION FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
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*The County of Simcoe welcomes you to  
the AMES Conference of 2006.*

*Discover Simcoe County . . . A Place for All Seasons*

*Discover beaches, hiking & cycling trails, challenging skiing,  
championship golf, great waterways & plenty of fishing, snowmobiling,  
shopping, antiques, and scenic drives.*

### **Horseshoe Resort offers...**

Horseshoe Resort is nestled in a valley, surrounded by the Copeland Forest. All four seasons have something unique to enjoy. The spring and summer are lush & green, the fall is ablaze with the colours of autumn and then we transform into a winter wonderland in the colder months.

- Winter activities including downhill skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snow tubing.
- Two championship golf courses
- Spa and fitness centre



Sunday May 14, 2006

*Welcome*

**4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Registration in the lobby of  
Horseshoe Resort



**7:00 pm - midnight**

Meet and Greet Reception in the Resort Hospitality Room

Enjoy some light refreshments while getting acquainted with other  
delegates

*A donation is appreciated for beverages*

**7:30 - 10:30 pm**

Join us for a **bonfire**  
(weather permitting)



# Monday May 15, 2006

**7:30 - 8:45 a.m.** Full Buffet breakfast in the restaurant  
Registration continues in Main Lobby

**9:00 - 9:30 a.m.** Official Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Jamie Moran, AMES Conference Chair
- J. Neil Craig, Mayor, Oro Medonte
- Terry Geddes, Warden, County of Simcoe
- Mark Aitken, CAO, County of Simcoe
- Terry Talon, General Manager, Social Services, County of Simcoe
- Gayle Miner, AMES President

**10:00 - 10:15 a.m.** Break

**10:15 - 12:00 p.m.** Keynote Speaker Mike Mandel

**Hypnotist & Brain Software Speaker**



Widely regarded as the world's greatest living hypnotist, Mike Mandel has hypnotized tens of thousands of people throughout Canada, the U.S., Britain and Australia.

Mike Mandel is the president of Brain Software, a company dedicated to teaching advanced thinking techniques, communication skills and hypnotic language patterns. Proficient in the art of "mentalism", Mike will give an entertaining and fascinating presentation on the incredible faculties of the human mind. Mike consults to all levels of government and has trained a wide variety of groups including social workers, therapists and salespeople. Discover the techniques and methodologies that took Mike from "the worst under-achiever in the Scarborough school system" to "the world's greatest living hypnotist".

# Monday May 15, 2006

**12:15 - 1:15 p.m.**      **Barbecue Lunch**

**1:15 - 4:15 p.m.**      **Afternoon Workshops**

*Please indicate on the registration form your choice of one of the following workshops:*

## **Learning Disabilities**

Melanie Ramondez, Learning Disabilities Association for Simcoe County



How does a person with a disability process information they see or hear? Let's hear more about common types of learning disabilities, what a formal diagnosis entails, and the supports that are available to someone for daily living, education, and employment.

## **Understanding Mental Health**

Simone English, Royal Victoria Hospital

A workshop that is designed to present an understanding of the experience of living with mental health disorders.



## **Reintegration of Offenders into our Community**

Michelle Strickland, John Howard Society



Examining the needs and challenges ex-inmates face when released and the importance of pre-release planning. This interactive and informative workshop will include room for discussion and questions; with the possibility of an inmate being able to share his own experience and perspective.

**2:45 - 3:00 p.m.**      **Break**

# Monday May 15, 2006

## Evening Entertainment Options

Please indicate your choice on the registration form.

### Option 1: Boat Cruise - 5:00 - 8:30 p.m.



You don't want to "bail" on this opportunity. Come sail away on the Miss Midland and enjoy a scenic tour of the local area. While on board you will enjoy a buffet dinner as well as evening entertainment. Cost: \$30.00

This is a 2 ½ hour dinner cruise.  
Bus transportation will be provided.

### Option 2: Casino Rama - 5:45 - 11:15 p.m.



"Bet" you want to be part of this outing and opportunity to enjoy the beautiful sights this "drawing card" has to offer.

Complementary buffet dinner at the casino is included. Shuttle bus departs from the resort at 5:45, and arrives at the casino at 6:30. Shuttle bus departs from the casino at 10:30.

Delegates will require ID to receive a players card and dinner coupon. Cost- Nil

**9:00 - midnight**

**Gather at the Hospitality Room for networking and refreshments when you return to the resort.**

# Tuesday May 16, 2006

7:30 - 8:45 a.m. Full Buffet breakfast  
Registration continues

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Workshops

*Please indicate on your registration form your choice of one morning workshop and one afternoon workshop from the following three choices. There will be a morning and afternoon break when it best fits into the session.*

## **D.A.R.T - Domestic Assault Response Team**

Dave Franklin

Dave Franklin has lectured and trained people for many years in the areas of effective intervention and problem solving techniques dealing with issues of violence in relationships, sexual assaults, child abuse, community policing and the roles communities can play. He is also a trainer of Effective Presentation styles for adults interested in learning how to better present their own materials.



## **Realities of Living in the Streets– Panel Discussion**

Panel of Representatives

Out reach and mental health workers from the David Busby Street Centre will conduct a panel discussion on the services they provide and in doing so the challenges and realities they deal with. We will also hear from a person who knows first hand the nature of living on the streets.



## **You Can Only See the Stars At Night: Cultural Diversity at Work**

Susan Braedley, MSW

This workshop is a practical guide to working with people from all cultures.



How do we recognize cultural difference, including "invisible" cultures where skin colour and language are not cues? Why does recognizing difference matter? How can we use culture as a bridge to more effective relationships? How can we feel more competent in cross-cultural interactions with both co-workers and clients?

# Tuesday May 16, 2006

**12:15 - 1:15 p.m.**

**Lunch**

Deli lunch at Horseshoe Resort

**1:15 - 4:15 p.m.**

**Concurrent Workshops**

Same workshop options from the morning will be repeated this afternoon.

## **AMES Conference Banquet**

**6:00 p.m. - midnight**

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Cocktails - Cash Bar**

**Welcome**

**Jamie Moran—Ames Conference Chair**

**7:00 p.m.**

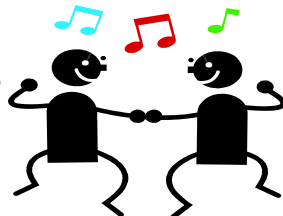
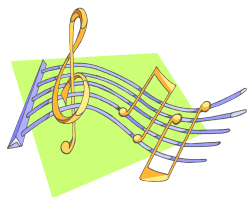
**Dinner**

**Dance to follow**

*Put a spring in your step and join us*

*for a fun evening of  
dinner and dancing to*

*the music of  
"Steel 'n' Notes".*



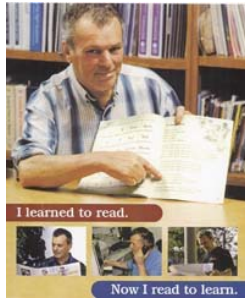
# Wednesday May 17, 2006

**7:30 - 8:45 a.m.** Full Buffet Breakfast

**9:00 - 10:15 a.m.** **AMES Annual General Meeting**

Reports and election of new AMES Board Members for 2006-2007

**10:30 - 11:30 a.m.** **Keynote Speaker Arnie Stewart**



This inspirational speaker describes his life and personal experience of growing up in poverty and being illiterate as an example of others. He describes himself as a regular guy who lived with being illiterate and has overcome this challenge.

He actively speaks out about the problems and solutions of illiteracy. He is an advocate for Literacy to whoever will listen, from the House of Commons parliamentary dining room to Bay Street to volunteer tutors and adult literacy learners. Currently his

passion has taken him into the public school system where he tells his story and stresses the importance of reading, writing and numeracy to the kids.

Arnie is the recipient of several awards including Canada Post Individual Achievement Award and the Queen's Jubilee.

**11:30 - 12:00 p.m.** **Closing Remarks**

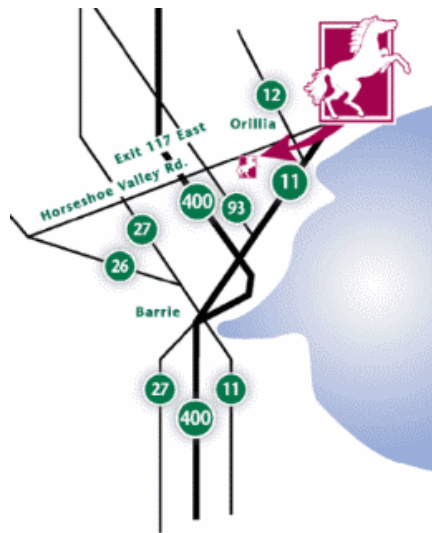
Gayle Miner—AMES President





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**HORSESHOE**

**Directions**

Just one hour north of Toronto off Highway 400  
at Exit 117 East, turn right onto Horseshoe Valley Road  
and you're just five minutes away from Ontario's most complete resort.

**Room Booking Information:**

Contact Horseshoe Resort to reserve your room by **April 13, 2006**.

Cost of rooms (double occupancy): \$155.68 / room (per night).



**Association for Municipal Employment Services**

**[www.AMES.ca](http://www.AMES.ca)**

**Membership**

Please use the form in this brochure to renew your membership or to purchase a new membership.

**Benefits of membership include:**

- reduced Conference rates
- three issues of AMES Newswatch
- comprehensive membership list
- input and representation on areas concerning Provincial policy and planning through direct representation on OMSSA working groups .

**AMES membership is open to anyone who has an interest in employment issues or in issues affecting Ontario Works and/or ODSP Participants. Voting at the Annual General Meeting is restricted to members from agencies with some public funding who work in part or whole with Ontario Works and/or ODSP Participants.**

